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TAGS: CPAS RP (STEBBING, ROBERT VILLAMOR)

SUBJECT: PASSPORT APPLICATION OF ROBERT VILLAMOR STEBBING

REF: YOUR LETTER OF JULY 12, 1976

WE DID NOT RECEIVE YOUR JUNE 17 LETTER BUT DID RECEIVE DEPT  
STATE TELEX JUNE 7 AND EXPEDITED INVESTIGATION OF CASE OF  
ROBERT VILLAMOR STEBBING, SON OF AZI FRANKLIN ALEXANDER  
STEBBING OF SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS. ALTHOUGH CHILD BORN --  
IN DISTANT ISLAND OF CEBU -- IN MARCH 1971 AND PARENTS MARRIED  
IN MAY 1973, APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT AND REGISTRATION AS  
AMERICAN CITIZEN WAS NOT MADE UNTIL MARCH 26, 1976. THEN  
INVESTIGATIONS HAD TO BE MADE IN OLONGAPO AREA WHERE PARENTS  
CLAIMED COMMON LAW RELATIONSHIP AT TIME OF CHILD'S CONCEPTION  
AND IN CEBU WHERE CHILD BORN. BECAUSE OF LONG PASSAGE OF TIME,  
INVESTIGATIONS WERE INCONCLUSIVE IN PROVING THIS RELATIONSHIP  
AND MR. STEBBING'S PATERNITY OF CHILD. MANY DOUBTS REMAINED.  
CHILD JUDGED TO HAVE NO CAUCASIAN FEATURES BUT HAS EARS  
SIMILAR TO ALLEGED FATHER. WHETHER OR NOT STEBBING WAS  
PRESENT IN PHILIPPINES AT TIME OF CONCEPTION DEPENDS ON  
MRS. STEBBING'S CLAIM, UNVERIFIED BECAUSE OF LACK OF PRENATAL  
CARE, THAT PREGNANCY WAS ABNORMALLY LONG 43 WEEKS. NO NEIGHBORS  
IN OLONGAPO EVER SAW MRS. STEBBING PREGNANT. THIS IS ONLY  
CHILD Sired BY STEBBING IN SEVERAL YEARS OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGE  
AND OVER FIVE YEARS OF KNOWING PRESENT WIFE. BLOOD TYPING  
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TESTS DETERMINED THAT PARENTAGE IS COMPATIBLE BUT, AS YOU

MAY KNOW, SUCH TESTS ARE CONCLUSIVE ONLY IN PROVING A NEGATIVE  
AND DO NOT PROVE PARENTAGE PER SE. NOW WE HAVE RECEIVED  
TESTS RESULTS, REFERRED CASE TO DEPT STATE FOR DECISION,  
AND JUST TODAY RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE AN EMERGENCY PASSPORT  
TO THE CHILD. MR. STEBBING HAS BEEN INFORMED AND SAYS HE WILL COME  
TO MANILA TOMORROW TO GET HIS SON'S PASSPORT AND HIS WIFE'S VISA.

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